

Dear Sir/Madam: Thank you for taking this comment into consideration. I am opposed to the FCC expanding the LPFM service in a way that would allow them to take priority over current FM translator service(s). I deem radio, esp. FM radio, as one of our most valuable means of American free speech and I see this new

proposal as a limiter to some of the "smaller" FM stations...that would be tragic in my estimation. K-LOVE radio serves me as a resident of London, KY, a small town, however the station makes our community constantly aware of national news tidbits daily, and also keeps us current on what's "hip" in the Contemporary Christian radio. Without K-LOVE in our community, we'd be very far behind on some issues (many will listen to radio in their vehicle on the way to/from work, rather than take time to watch TV later). If we were to lose K-LOVE, we would probably also lose some of the other smaller stations in the area that are the "back-ups" to K-LOVE. If we lost all of these stations, not only would there be a lack of "family communication" b/c many of our community identify with those small stations as well as call-in to the larger station (K-LOVE). One of our smaller stations, they even allow a time for trading household merchandise w/ each other or give away items to someone who calls in w/ a need and voices it over the small FM station. If we lost someone like K-LOVE, who is larger than those stations, we'd also lose the uplifting words of encouragement, and I even use them as a source of education--Biblical and National news update education--all free to me (and that means a lot to me). To me, K-LOVE (and the smaller local stations here), has really helped me in times when I didn't think nor feel anyone could help me. There were times when I became suicidal and a Christian song would cheer me up and encourage me to pray to God about my problems rather than relying on my own strength to get through those dark days of life. I know there are others who face just as severe issues as suicide on a regular basis, and K-LOVE is there to help them...they even have people we can call that will pray for us and listen to us. I think for reasons of education, edification, growth, connection within the community, and other such positive reasons, that it is imperative that the proposal to expand the LPFM stations, and allowing them to take priority over current FM translator services is an extreme hinderance to our freedom of speech, and that, is a shame. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Sincerely, Dawn E. Looney, London, KY.